

Arthur B. Schirmer, Jr., Mayoral Papers, 1975

Descriptive Summary

Title and Dates:

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Creator:

Arthur B. Schirmer, Jr., Mayor of the City of Charleston, S.C., 1975

Quantity:

27 Folders

Forms of Material:

Correspondence, invoices, meeting minutes, budgets and expenses

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Biographical Statement:

Arthur B. Schirmer, Jr., (1933-2008) led an active life in Charleston politics and business. Schirmer served as City Councilmember for fourteen years prior to his nomination by City Council to complete the term of Mayor J. Palmer Gaillard, who had recently accepted a post as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs from President Gerald Ford. Although he only held office a few short months, Mayor Schirmer played an important role in several significant developments occurring during the period, including the sale of the municipal airport and annexation of James Island. Following the election of Joseph P. Riley, Jr., as mayor, Schirmer left politics to focus on the development of business interests, ultimately turning what began as a small landscaping business into a thriving site work construction company still active in the Charleston area today, Landscape Pavers, LLC.¹

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- 1 Airport – November 1975-December 1975: papers re: request for additional space, Hawthorne lease at Charleston Municipal Airport
- 2 Annexation – General – August 1975-December 1975: papers re: Jewish Community Center, St. Andrew's Parish, Marlborough Subdivision, James Island, Orange Grove Elementary School, Ashley Hall Plantation, Dogwood Park
- 3 Bushy Park Reservoir – August 1975-December 1975: papers re: Cooper River Rediversion Project
- 4 Brittlebank Park – August 1975-October 1975: papers re: Contract and order form for park sign

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- 5 Board of Fire Masters – September 1975-November 1975: papers re: Board minutes
- 6 Carolina Art Association – November 1975: papers re: Gibbes Art Gallery renovation, Contract among Carolina Art Association, Mayor of City of Charleston, H.A. De Costa Company, and Simons, Mitchell, Small, & Donahue Architects, Estimate from H.A. De Costa Company (Contractor)
- 7 Charleston Area Transportation Study (CHATS) – December 1975: papers re: CHATS Citizen's Advisory Committee, CHATS Policy Committee, 1976 Unified Work Program (draft)
- 8 City Hall, Renovations of 1975 – August 1975-December 1975: papers re: Simons, Mitchell, Small, & Donahue, Architects
- 9 Commissioners of Public Works – August 1975-November 1975: papers re: John R. Bettis
- 10 Corporation Counsel – August 1975-December 1975
- 11 Cypress Gardens – 1975: papers re: Cypress Gardens Study, income and expenses
- 12 Electric Wires and Lighting – August 1975-December 1975: papers re: relighting of White Point Gardens and South Battery, Ashmead Place, Hagood Avenue, Colonial Lake, bus stops, Christmas decorations and lights, installation of flags at King Street
- 13 Historic Charleston Foundation – September 1975-October 1975: papers re: Sheffield trays donation
- 14 Housing Authority – August 1975-December 1975: papers re: Section 8 Housing assistance, payment program, Eastside housing
- 15 Market Hall and Sheds – April 1974-September 1975: papers re: correspondence from the National Park Service recognizing the Market Hall and Sheds on the National Register as a historic landmark
- 16 Municipal Marina – August 1975-November 1975: papers re: Rice Mill lease
- 17 Orphan House – August 1975-December 1975: papers re: budget, operating expenses
- 18 Parking Lots – September 1975-October 1975: papers re: Gillon Street parking lot, Market Street parking lot, public parking on Cumberland Street
- 19 Parks, Board of – August 1975-December 1975: papers re: Hampton Park, Horse Lot, Moultrie Playground, proposed zoo project, meeting minutes

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- 20 Planning and Zoning – August 1975-December 1975: papers re: home for runaway children, Sandhurst West Subdivision, Coburg Dairy, carriage tours
- 21 Planning and Zoning Committee, Highway 7 and Orange Grove Road Rezoning – August 1975-September 1975: papers re: Griffith-Knapp, Parkshore Subdivision, Settlement Agreement and Restrictive Covenants
- 22 Public Safety and Traffic – September 1975-December 1975: papers re: Cumberland Street parking conditions, committee minutes, Campion Hall Road, correspondence with Pastor Paul J. Craven, First Baptist Church, Queen Street, changed to one-way, Sheriff Kornahrens
- 23 Behind Planning Board, BOR Grants – May 1975-November 1975: papers re: Martin Park playground, federal funds- Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Region, funding for playgrounds, Calhoun Street Park, BOR funding, 1972-1976, Eastside Housing Rehabilitation Program, Regional Land Use and Recreation Committee minutes, United Way agreement
- 24 Real Estate Committee – October 1975-December 1975: papers re: land located between Suburban Gas and old Seaboard Railroad, correspondence with North Charleston mayor, Stono Park lots, Marie H. Heinsohn property
- 25 South Carolina State Ports Authority – November 1975: papers re: *South Carolina State Ports Authority vs the City of Charleston*
- 26 Tidewater Terminal Property – May 1975-November 1975: papers re: correspondence with Mr. G. Luther Rosebrock, correspondence with W.E. Murray
- 27 Strom Thurmond, U.S. Senator – September 1975-November 1975

¹ Slade, David. "Former Charleston Mayor Schirmer dies at 75." *Post and Courier* (Charleston, S.C.), 18 July 2008.